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Provincial budget cuts bad news for students

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Students already grappling with the cost of tuition were upset last week as the government revealed its plan to slash millions in grants and scholarships.

Alberta has scaled back grants and scholarships by \$54 million, while raising the ceiling on the amount students can borrow this year for their academic pro-

The budget has also frozen base operating grants for institutions, forcing schools to look for other ways of getting revenue – including an across-the-board com-pulsory fee of about \$500 at the University of Calgary next year and possible tuition increases

Students say the budget is bad news for those attend-ing post-secondary institutions, though the Stelmach government maintains the shift in funding will give more access to loans.

"For every dollar we put towards grants, we can give out three dollars in loans," said Kim Capstick, out three dollars in loans," said Kim Capstick, spokesperson for the Ministry of Advanced Education.

She said applications for loans have shot up 25 per cent since the economic downturn began and expansion on the loan program addresses that demand.

"We want to make sure all the students who need financial aid, get it," she said. Students, however, say the move will only draw more people into debt while taking away money that doesn't

.Sure some students have asked to borrow more, but not at the expense of eroding scholarships and bur-saries. This could cause student debt to soar and does nothing to address the fact that people depend on that money to even get into the system," said Charlotte Kingston, students' union president for the University of Calgary

The total amount of grants, scholarships and bursaries to be given out decreased to \$85 million, which includes a \$51 million drop in grants and bursaries and \$3 million drop in scholarships. The province has made \$206 million available for stu-

dent loans, up from \$168 million in the last fiscal year.

Government has also eliminated specific grant programs, including debt relief for first-year students

Local students who heard about the provincial cuts and possible tuition hikes at the University of Alberta and University of Calgary, last week, question the affordability of post-secondary education.

"I'll need scholarships to get into school, not loans. I couldn't afford a loan ... so I am very concerned about all this money being cut," said Roxanne Grizell, 18, who plans to attend a massage therapy program.

Daniel Fischer, 18, agrees that the changes happening in government budget and post-secondary schools is alarming, while Alison Graf, 17, wonders at the impact this could have on Grade 12 students considering institutions in province.

"Personally, I think this was a bad move by govern-ment, because by making fewer grants and scholarships available, it's putting education out of reach," she

Students may end up travelling out of province to find better financial support and schools that aren't increasing costs of tuition, she said.



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Injured archer overcomes adversity

Nic Rudy takes bronze at the Alberta Winter Games

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM Didsbury Review

Coach Lindsay Struthers thought her protégée was out of the running in the Alberta Winter Games after he was rushed to the hospital on the eve of eliminations.

But not Nic Rudy.

"I worked too hard to give up - we all have - and there's just one chance to do this, so I decided to shoot," said the I6-year-old archer

this, so I decided to shoot," said the 16-year-old archer. On Feb. 7, Rudy took his place on the shooting line at the winter games in Cold Lake, Alta. to release arrow after arrow for a win. He missed gold by two points and silver by three, to get the third place medal.

It was amazing, Struthers said.

"We were fairly certain he wouldn't go to eliminations ... most kids would have thought twice because of the pain, but he did it anyway and he did really well."

The young athlete had

been rushed to emergency the night before, after nearly breaking his elbow during an initiation ritual.

"They had me hogtied with duct tape on my wrists and ankles," Rudy said.

"I was able to break free and was hopping down a hallway when I saw the guys who tied me. I supermanned (flew) at them but fell and couldn't break it because my hands were still tied."

X-rays showed Rudy had stretched ligaments and he felt the strain of holding his bow the next day.

He had to hit marks in four rounds with three shots each if he wanted to be in the running to get a medal – and he wanted one, badly.

"I was just biting my nails as I watched him. The matches were intense, "Struthers said.

"I was just waiting for him to turn around and give me thumbs up or thumbs down."

Rudy's arrow hit another to bounce out of the 8-ring to the 10 to cost him silver, but he gained points to lead in third. It was a big achievement for the rookie archer. The Alberta Winter Games was his first major tournament since he began practising the sport six months ago.

Few at the Calgary

Few at the Calgary Archery Club have been as successful in their first tournament, usually placing fourth or lower, Struthers said.

With one medal notched on his bow, the Didsbury High School student has his sights set on gold at Provincials, April 10 and 11 in Lac La Biche, Alta.

"...And I fully expect him

"...And I fully expect him to get gold now that he is warmed up ... and in Canada Games tryouts he could be a serious contender. The guy is that good," Struthers said.



Tamara Cunningham /Didsbury Review

Nic Rudy, 16, takes bronze in archery at the Alberta Winter Games, Feb. 4-7

Alberta Winter Games was 'awesome', says curler

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM Didsbury Review

Courtney Missikewitz was beaming last week as she came home with fifth from the Alberta Winter Games curling championships.

"It was an awesome experience and we had pretty stiff competition," the 14-year-old skip said. The Missikewitz rink –

The Missikewitz rink – also includng Megan Moffat, Nicole Aberle and Dacey Brown – advanced to the games in the Lakeland Region Feb.4 after sweeping away their Sundre competition in January.

It was the first time the foursome played together in a major tournament since they formed a team five months ago.

Over 2,000 athletes gathered at the event to bear their skills in everything from curling and wrestling to volleyball and archery. All the athletes were at the top of

their game.
"It was definitely tough.
I think we were the
youngest team there,"
Missikowitz said

Missikewitz said.
"Our goal was just to go
in and place in the top
four and we kind of did
that"

The team had three wins and two losses during the tournament, with their final triumph happening

Feb. 7 during an extra end.

The rink was down by three but was able to catch up and then triumph by stealing a point,

Missikewitz said.

Although a draw put them in fifth, not fourth as they'd hoped. Their coveted spot went to a team who'd lost three games and won two.

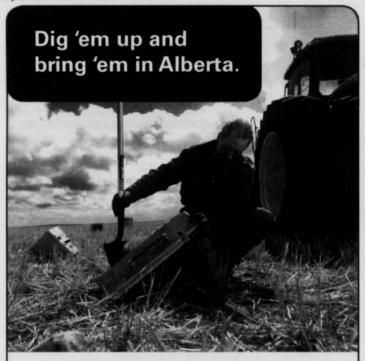
"It was just the way the draw went ... but even though it's not on paper, I still feel like we got fourth. We did better than them," she said.

Missikewitz and her

Missikewitz and her rink had a blast at the winter games, with the highlight being the opening ceremonies – 3,000 coaches and athletes marched into an arena to kick off the tournament, she said.

With the event behind them the rink is now looking forward to securing a spot in provincials and then national championships.

Also at the Alberta
Winter Games, were
Didsbury's Mathew
Johnson and Sawyer
Topping. The 14-year-old
athletes were selects for
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and placed seventh in the
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Habitat build moving

CUNNINGHAM Didsbury Revie

Board members for Habitat for Humanity are breathing easy after hear-ing they will get the majori-ty of funding for the Didsbury build this spring. "This isn't turning out to

be our toughest project yet after all," said Chuck Brinton, chair of the nonprofit group in Mountain View County.

Last summer. Habitat for Humanity appealed to the town for financial help after learning this could be the most daunting affordable housing project yet.

Unlike Sundre, Cremona and Olds, the group didn't have government funding secured, nor was land offered free from the town, province or Crown.

It was the first time the non-profit had to dig into its own pockets to pay for property and the cost -about \$75,000 - was expected to drill into their sav-

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

less than what was planned for.

make up funding losses

Didsbury

The worry is largely in the past, after the group heard last month, the gov ernment will give the group \$212,000. The money, lob-bied for by the Habitat for Humanity caucus, was originally meant for Olds but the between town and block funding it's no longer needed there

"We won't be able to use all of it in Didsbury because the government only allows you to cover up to 70 per cent of the cost of the building," Brinton said.

"But it's a start. We now have to come up with \$50,000 or \$60,000 and I believe we can do that between donations and money coming in from fam-ilies in our affordable hous-

The build must be completed by February 2011, according to government grant requirements, the group hopes to break ground this spring.

They've earmarked a property in Valarosa for a single home bungalow and are in the midst of looking

over housing designs with builders. Local company, Spectrum Designs and Terra Sar Developments of Calgary are both involved in early project planning.

"This isn't turning out to be our toughest project yet after all."

CHUCK BRINTON Mountain View County Habitat for Humanity

The town has agreed to help by cancelling devel-opment fees and pursuing further funding for the project.

"Everything is lining up We are about to the application now. application open process for families and for volunteers," look Brinton said.

challenge only The remaining for the non-profit is finding board

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Habitat members. Humanity is "desperate" to find 12 or 15 recruits to help manage the project

We need people to help manage this build ... and I think people will step up once they see we have things going," said Harold Johnsrude, a member of Habitat for Humanity and resident of Dideburg. resident of Didsbury.

"I mean this is an excit-ing project. There are people here who may not be able to put a down pay-ment on a house but make too much to be considered for subsidized housing. They are caught in the middle and need something like this," he said

Habitat for Humanity offers buildings to fami-lies at market value and arranges for an affordable, no-interest mort-

This would be the first affordable housing project in Didsbury by Habitat for Humanity. The next build is expected to be in Carstairs.

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DIDSBURY LACROSSE ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

Town feels

funding loss

Provincial budget cuts could put infrastructure projects on the back burner this year, as town officials look for ways to

In last Tuesday's budget reveal, the community learned the

province would double its contribution to the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) from last year, with \$876 mil-

lion going to municipalities across the province.

The town estimates its share will be \$860,000, thousands

We budgeted for roughly a million ... because we antici-

pated there would be a drop in funding and that did come to fruition, it was just even less than we'd hoped," said James Reichenbacher, chief financial officer for the Town of

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GENERAL INFO: Habitat for Humanity Mountain View represents the county whose five main communities include Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds, Sundre and the surrounding areas. Habitat is a team of enthusiastic volunteers and staff, guid-d by Christian values, who are committed to assisting families in need with the life-changing opportunity of buying decent, affordable housing. Builds have been completed in Cremona, Sundre and Olds \$189,900 \$349,000

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Opinion

Editorial Veterans deserve respect and thanks

DAN SINGLETON



The federal government has announced the creation of a new Veterans Bill of Rights in Canada, a largely symbolic move that nonetheless pays fitting tribute to the protectors of Canadian liberty and security.

"Canada is a great country, due in no small part to the sacrifices of the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve in the Canadian Forces," said Veterans Affairs Minister Jean-Pierre Blackburn.

"The Veterans Bill of Rights is an expression of the rights veterans have long identified as important. It is a clear and concise statement that Veterans Affairs will continue to make sure every one of its clients is treated with respect, with dignity and with fairness."

The new legislation is a "comprehensive declaration of rights" for all war-service veterans, veterans and serving members of the Canadian Forces (Regular and Reserve), members and former members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, spouses, common-law partners, survivors and primary caregivers, and other eligible dependants and family members.

Under the Veterans Bill of Rights, veterans are said to have the following rights:

 Be treated with respect, dignity, fairness and courtesy.

 Take part in discussions that involve themselves and their families.

 Have someone to support them when they deal with Veterans Affairs.

 Receive clear, easy-to-understand information about their veteran programs and services, in English or French, as set out in the Official Languages Act.

 Have their privacy protected as set out in the Privacy Act.

 Receive benefits and services as set out in the published service standards and to know their appeal rights.

The Veterans Bill of Rights came about following consultation with Veterans' organizations in an effort to better respond in a timely fashion to the concerns of veterans.

As Canadians who have in many cases put their very lives at risk to protect the rights enjoyed by all Canadians, it is good and fitting that the nation's veterans are being recognized and protected though the creation of the new Veterans Bill of Rights.

And yet it is the day-to-day interaction between Canada's veterans and the general public where the greatest show of respect should and must continue to be made, not only during Remembrance Day, but every day.

And it should go without saying that veterans, both past serving and those who serve today, should always be "treated with respect, dignity, fairness and courtesy", just like their fellow citizens in every province and territory.

Although in one sense only a symbolic move, the creation of a permanent Veterans Bill of Rights is also a good thing for Canada.



Commentary

Albertans living beyond their means

It is a fundamental fact that Albertans are not paying their way for the services they receive from their government.

If not for the revenue the province raises from the energy sector, the province's deficit this year would be approaching \$12 billion.

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Let's look at the 2010 budget, released last Tuesday, by first stripping away the \$7.3 billion in revenue the province expects the industry to produce in 2010 and 2011.

Tax and other revenues, minus the industry take, would be \$26.7 billion, instead of the \$34 billion the government is forecasting. Of this \$26.7 billion, the province will spend just under \$15 billion on health care, which works out to 56 per cent. If we add in compulsory education, some 79 per cent of our base revenues will be spent. Now add in post-secondary education and innovation and we are now at 90 per cent of our base revenues.

But this is not how the Alberta government looks at it: it sees only one pot of revenue – money raised from the base (that is, all Albertans) and money raised from the oil and gas sector, for a total of \$34 billion.

Unfortunately, that is the figure it uses to fund programs and services, unfortunate because there is a problem with the reliability of oil and gas revenues: They depend on global prices and the decisions made by people outside of government – private companies.

Under the government's own revenue figure of \$34 billion, health care takes up 44 per cent and, within five to seven years, will pass the 50 per cent mark. The government justifies this ever-increasing expenditure by pointing a finger at Albertans who they say tell them to invest "what it takes" to run health care, which is rather like asking an obese teenager whether they would like another hamburger. No one has bothered to explain to Albertans that there are consequences to having health care eat up more and more of the provincial budget, consequences such as the closing of one of our colleges, cutting more social and cultural programs, and abandoning commitments to the homeless. Rather, health care is treated as if it is an unstoppable force.

The government is sacrificing Albertans' long-term interests for its own short-term gain. The long-term interest requires Albertans to both increase access to, and the affordability of, post-secondary education so that the province will have more people in its workforce with the skills to adopt, adapt and respond to innovative opportunities. The long-term view would improve the work of schools as key to the province's future – securing more high school completion, enabling more young people to qualify for access to post-secondary education.

In real terms, spending on education in schools is also reduced. While the budget makes it look like there is an increase in spending – \$43 million of "new money" (0.7 per cent of the education budget) – this will quickly be eaten away by the decision not to directly fund mandated pay increases for teachers and not to provide funding to account for inflation, now run-

ning at 1.3 per cent but expected to rise during the year.

For Alberta to be successful in the middle of this century it needs to double the number of people working in firms who have post-graduate degrees, increase its investments in lifelong learning and encourage more entrepreneurs to see learning and investment in productivity skills as key to their future. In this sense, educational investments are exactly that: investments in future prosperity.

Health-care spending on the other hand, is consumptive spending. Because Alberta is prosperous – it has one of the highest GDPs per capita in the world – it spends because it can.

By moving resources away from education to health the government is making a conscious choice to favour the present over the future. By reducing in real terms its commitment to post-secondary education and holding the line on spending in K-12, it is willing to risk the future well-being of the economy in favour of health care and its attempt to "buy votes".

At some point the tension between

At some point the tension between consumption and investment becomes real. This is when, in order to fund continued consumptive spending, the government has to make tough choices about investment – closing a community college, privatizing a University or increasing tax revenues to pay for continued consumption and investment. The "bet" being taken by the Government of Alberta is that this "tipping point" is some ways away. It's a

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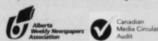
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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

2010 BUDGET MEETING (for the Town of Didsbury): Monday, February 22, 2010 at 9:00 am in Council Chambers

LIFELINE SOCIETY MEETING: Annual Meeting Monday, March 8, 2010 at 10:00 am in Council Chambers

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PUBLIC NOTICE 2010 BUDGET MEETING for the Town of Didsbury

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Didsbury 4-H club remains hopping busy

West Didsbury 4-H is having a busy year. It started off with a weigh-in on Nov.2. The 4-Hers' steers looked great.

The new executive members were chosen. They are: Alysha Pinckney, president; Brittany Scott, vice president; Cody Miller, treasurer; Mikaela Epp, secretary; and Mrs. Hadway as general leader.

We also had our annual electronics roundup. Lots of Didsbury residents kindly donated their no longer wanted and/or usable electronics. The club has raised some money from the event and recycled a lot of TVs and computers.

We had fun at our Christmas party. This year we played laser tag in Calgary. We had pizza and later a gift exchange. The Prairie partners 4-H club joined us for the fun.

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Our 2010 year has also gotten off to a busy start.
January started with a mock multi-judging at the Rasmussens' farm on January 3. Helpful hints and all 4-H members who attended learned tips. We did a successful bottle drive fundraiser on

January 4, which was a very cold and sticky situation! Sticky hands aside, thanks to everyone who donated bottles and to all the Moms, Dads and 4-H members that helped.

The regional multi-judging was held at the Cow Palace in Olds on January 16. A great attendance of over 250 kids participated in this worthwhile 4-H event. Way to go members and special kudos go to Cody Miller who won overall best in judging work boots in the intermediate level. Our club also had a public speaking workshop at Ross Ford School on January 20.

The annual 4-H Hitmen game was a huge success as several hundred 4-H members and their families cheered on the Hitmen who were battling the Moose Jaw Warriors. All of the 4-H cheering must have

spurred on the Hitmen to win in a 5-1 victory.

Upcoming events include our club's public speaking evening on February 5th at the United Church as well as our Curling Funspiel in March. Oh... and there's always our beef projects to work on as May's not that far away!

Submitted by Becca Krebs and Mytayla Miller West Didsbury 4-H Club

Name that Hey OVE SONG Didsbury!

The "Name that love song" contest has been carried over!

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We received a number of entries; however, none of the entries received had ALL of the correct answers.

So dig out your **February 2nd issue of the Didsbury Review**, or drop by the office to pick up a copy of the contest form and we will continue to accept ballots until noon **Monday, February 22nd** at the Didsbury Review office, or in the overnight mail slot.

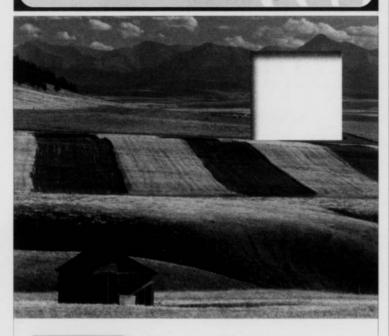
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Thurs. Feb. 18

All seniors are welcome to Eldon Foote Hall after 1:30 p.m. Planned entertainment followed by refreshments.

Fri. Feb. 19

This is cribbage night starting at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. You are welcome to come and join in on the cards and share the coffee and goodies served.

Sat. Feb. 20

The Science Alberta exhibit at the Didsbury Library is over today. Action-Reaction encourages you to explore how a lump of material turns into energy, witness combustion and gasification and explore the potential of these processes. Use your product collector to collect the products before they turn to waste!

Sat. Feb. 21-27

"Freedom to Read Week". Check out the display in the library and learn why it matters that we have the freedom to read what we choose in Canada.

Sun. Feb. 21

You are invited to a free swim from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. Following this all families are welcome to the Rosebud Hall for a potluck dinner starting at 4 p.m. You can phone Nora (403) 335-9945 or Colin (403) 335-9296 for more info.

Mon. Feb. 22

Hopefully you have your seat reserved with Bea at (403) 335-3058 for the bus trip to Cross Iron Mills at Balzac, leaving the complex at 10 a.m. and leaving Balzac at 2:30 p.m. Did you reserve your seat for the Calgary Casino Trip on Wed. Feb. 24, leaving the complex at 3:30 p.m.?

Mon. Feb. 22

The Annual General Meeting and Open House of the Didsbury Municipal Library will be called to order at 6:45 p.m., open house will begin at 7:15 p.m. with refreshments, demonstrations and displays. You are welcome to attend.

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The sustainability initiative was initially supposed to deliver \$1.4 billion overall to municipalities this year, with 1.35 million heading this way, but the government scaled back its contribution when it was hit by the economic downturn.

The change has hurt municipalities expecting the increase to offset the loss of the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program (AMIP), which recently wrapped up.

"We anticipated a 99 per cent drop in funding without AMIP ...and the MSI was supposed to fill in that gap. It doesn't do that now and that's disappointing."

Reichenbacher said.

"The bottom line is we're going to have to be more selective in projects we do to get the most bang for our buck."

The town won't know the impact to its own budget, until Feb. 22, but the lagoon expansion, as well as pipeline and road repairs could be stalled.

Mayor Brian Wittal, who attended a mayor's caucus in Edmonton last Thursday to talk about the budget, wasn't surprised to hear the town has to tighten its belts this year. He's been anticipating fewer dollars since early October.

"It isn't terribly upsetting ... but certainly it won't make things easier for council, which will have to look at option reducing services or (increasing) taxes and we really don't want to do either."



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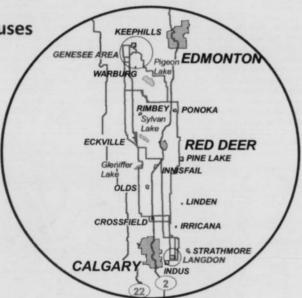
None of these route options have been approved. Your input is critical to identifying the route with the lowest overall impact.

The proposed project:

- Is a 500 kV (500,000 volts) Direct Current (DC) transmission line.
- · Will be built between the Genesee and Langdon areas.
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- Will include a converter station at each end of the line that changes electricity from DC to Alternating Current (AC) so the DC line can connect with the rest of the province's AC electricity system.

Please join us at an open house listed below.

Our representatives will be available at the open houses to share information, gather your input and respond to any questions or concerns you may have. We will also have poster boards with project information for you to review.



The potential red route options in the map above are only preliminary and are intended to provide a focus for stakeholder input. Through the consultation process we may identify new routes or portions of routes for consideration. **None of these options have been approved**. If approved, AltaLink will build only one line.

If you would like more information about this project including details and maps prior to attending an open house, please visit our website at www.albertaelectricityfuture.ca/westernline or contact us and we will mail you information.

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Wednesday, February 17	Crossfield	4 – 8 p.m.	Crossfield Community Centre 901 Mountain Avenue	
Thursday, February 18	Rimbey	4 – 8 p.m.	Rimbey Community Centre 5109 54 Street	
Monday, February 22	Olds	4 – 8 p.m.	Olds College Alumni Building 4500 50 Street	

Your input is important to us. We hope to see you at an open house.

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E-mail: westernline@altalink.ca Phone: 1-877-267-5973 (toll-free)

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Canadian curling star visits Didsbury

The rock star of Canada's curling world will be visiting Didsbury a month before she looks to capture gold at the 2010 women's world championships.

And local curiers can't stop buzzing about it.
"I can't believe she's coming," said 14-year-old Melissa Pochapsky, a junior curler.

"Jennifer Jones is my idol ... I want to be a national winner

one day too."

Three weeks ago- on the brink of the Scotties Tournaments of Hearts - the Didsbury Curling Club found out they'd be

hosting the Jennifer Jones rink on April 10.

They'd taken top prize in a video contest put on by the team's sponsors, the Sexton Group.

Fifteen other communities across the country tried out in

the same competition, which had them create video footage of the town and local curling club to entice the team.

But it was Didsbury, with its humour and passion for the sport that caught the attention of the judges.

Jill Officer, second in the rink, saw a portion of the video and chuckles as she recalls seeing the mayor slide towards the button on an inner tube.

"It was a very cute movie. You could tell a lot of work was

put into it ... and we are excited to come to your town.

Mayor Brian Wittal is a big fan of Jennifer Jones and is excited to have the elite team stop into community - though every time he thinks of the video that won the visit, he groans

"I wanted to do my part to help out the club ... and yeah, we had fun with it and played some human curling," he said.
"...But I never thought it'd be seen by many people and def-

initely not that it'd be put up on YouTube. I am already getting comments about that."

Wittal, as well as juniors Pochapsky and Laura Milne, 13, spent the weekend cheering on the Jennifer Jones team as they watched the Scotties from home.

It was an "amazing" game, Milne said.

Jones scored a come-from-behind 8-7 extra end victory over Prince Edward Island's Kathy O'Rourke. The win secured the team's third consecutive win and fourth Canadian title overall.

"She is just so cool. I can't wait to meet her. Not too many people can go to the Scotties and repeat what they did the year before," Milne said. In fact, Jones is the third skip in history to lead a team to

three consecutive Canadian women's curling titles

"It was a shock that it happened ... P.E.I. was playing great all week and really firing in the finals, we were getting a little



back

frustrated." Officer said.

We just thought if we could put pressure on them we might have a chance to steal a few points and take it to an extra end and we did ... I am still in shock. It's not often cams win this many times.

The team is heading to worlds as Team Canada in Swift Current, Sask. March 20-28 with their sights on gold.

But before then, they'll meet with fans in Didsbury. The Didsbury Curling Club hasn't yet decided on all of the activities it'd do with the team, but Jennifer Jone the annual trade show

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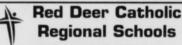
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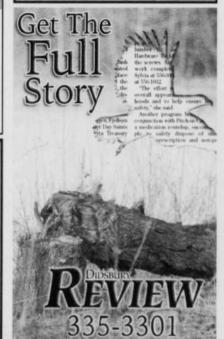
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2125 - 25 Ave Reduced

279,900



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218,900

214,900

#67, Didsbury Mobile Home Park



°113,900

260,000



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479,900



\$279,900



2114 - 21 Avenue

Nothing like this in Didsbury! Gorgeous 3 storey units, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, gas fireplace, single garage, no condo fees! Only 2 units left.

Starting at \$314,900 including GST

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1984 unit, open plan, 2 large bedrooms, ths, large addition with wood stove, vaulted ceiling, over 1500 sq ft of living space

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2102 - 20 Street



\$250,000



372,869

12 Westhill Place



om duplex, 1 1/2 baths, fully ck yard with room for garage

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\$399,900

2143 - 22 Avenue



me in great location, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 replace, hardwood, brick exterior, large \$289,900



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